

Cost of Brick Expected to Go Still Higher

Persons Familiar With the Market Look to a \$5 Mark-Up for Commodity Within Next Ten Days

Handlers Seek More Pay

Firms Refuse to Accept Contracts at the Present Prices; Recall Salesmen

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Building material price advances of today foreshadow the strength of the 1920 construction market as being somewhat greater than end-of-the-year outlook seemed to indicate, according to "The Dow Service Daily Building Reports" to-day.

It is not usual for building material price changes to occur with any marked regularity or unanimity in January. But if indications point for anything at all, the price changes upward, reported this week were only partial steps to what is to develop within the next ninety days. Actual price advances this week deal with R. double window glass, polished plate glass, both under and over five square feet. The discounts have been shrunk in the former case to 30 per cent of jobbers' lists, from 81 per cent, and in the latter commodity from 72 per cent to 70. Window glass cost another \$20 thousand, making the cut-off price \$20, and even that level is gone. Plaster board moved up three cents each, and manufacturers advanced the price of common hydrate lime \$1 a ton, which corresponds with the dealers' delivered price change on New York.

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But, for every ten days there is the view is bought from dealers there is strenuous opposition expressed to any further price promotion, on the ground that any further advances in this basic building material will narrow the buying market this coming spring. With the dealers' yards and docks almost bare, Saturday manufacturers advanced the price of common hydrate lime \$1 a ton, which corresponds with the dealers' delivered price change on New York.

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Dwellings in Ridgewood Sold

S. S. Walstrum-Gordon & Forman have sold for George V. Halsey the dwelling at 60 Doramus Avenue, Ridgewood, and for Roy L. Brower, 145 Harrison Avenue to Arthur Watson, of Ozona Park; also for Mrs. K. McDougal to Richard D. Fine Jr., 55 Godwin Avenue.

Plans New Scarsdale Homes

George W. Both has sold fifty lots in the Scarsdale Park Development at Scarsdale to Ralph R. Ryan. The lots will be improved immediately with moderate priced dwellings, some of which will be ready for spring occupancy.

Shortage of road oil supply is forcing further pressure on cement producers, who are withholding price advances now, it is said, mainly because of fear of competition from outside of the country normally supplying the market. Many firms have refused to accept contracts at present prices; many have called in their salesmen, and all are manufacturing as near to full capacity as possible.

Glassiers Walk Out

The threatened walk-out of the glaziers and glass cutters of Greater New York took place on New Year's Eve. The demands of the men as to wages have been agreed upon and they have won the approval of the employers with regard to the eight-hour day. But the hitch comes in the matter of affiliation of the glass cutters with the glazier union. It appears that a very small percentage of the actual business done by the New York glaziers in glass goes through the hands of the cutters. The major portion of the class jobbers' business in New York is shipped out into the contiguous territory. In no other jobbing center in the country are the cutters affiliated with the glaziers, and if the men win their point here, the arrangement could bring about a most inequitable condition among the lending distributors, who say they could not be this year under such circumstances compete with jobbing houses near and opposite the city to do business here. It is further stated that the entire glass jobbing industry would be placed in the control of a small body of artisans.

Buyers for Montclair Homes

F. M. Crawley & Bros. have sold for the Standard Securities Company to Traford Allpass, of East Orange, the two and one-half story residence, containing ten rooms and two baths, at 29 Gates Avenue, Montclair, N. J. The buyers have monte for E. C. Keat, to Murphy, the residence at 29 Grove Street, Montclair. This property consists of a residence of ten rooms and bath, on plot of 100 feet frontage.

East 85th Street Flat Sold

Fred J. Feuer has sold for Charles Rosenberg the apartment house at 345 East Eighty-fifth Street, on lot 25200.

Architects for Market

Starrett & Van Vleck have been selected architects for the New York Trade Market Exchange, in Trinity Place, extending through to Greenwich Street.

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Recorded Leases

Murphy

18TH ST. 47-51 2d, part 8d left front, Carroll Box & Lumber Co to Jno J. Wallace, 627 E 18th st, 2 yrs from Nov 1, 1919; atty, Ed Cavanaugh, 58 Pine St, 18th fl.

26TH ST. 205 W. st; atty, Harriet E. McGarry and to Sami Elman, 622 E 11th st, and 10 yrs from Feb 1, 1920; atty, Curtis, 18th fl.

29TH ST. 10 E. st; atty, and Progress Corp to Czarczak, Mig. Co, 2 W 32nd st, 5 1/2 yrs from Feb 1, 1919; atty, Lins, 1400 Broadway, 10th fl.

26TH ST. 241-45 W. st; atty, Ralph N. Voorhees and wife, Bell, Brown, 174 Lexington and 4th Avenue, 2 yrs from May 1, 1922; atty, Berowitz & Cohn, 1204 Broadway, 10th fl.

26TH ST. 112 W. st; atty, and 1000 ft frontage, 1000 ft deep, 100 ft wide, and 100 ft high, to Aar Weinberg, 459 Freeman st, and 10 yrs from March 10, 1920; atty, Philip Match, 29 Nassau st, 4th fl.

26TH ST. 100 W. st; atty, and 1000 ft frontage, 1000 ft deep, 100 ft wide, and 100 ft high, to Aar Weinberg, 459 Freeman st, and 10 yrs from March 10, 1920; atty, Philip Match, 29 Nassau st, 4th fl.

26TH ST. 267 W. st; atty, Jules Staudt to Morris Franowitz, 230 W 14th st, 2 yrs from Jan 1, 1920; atty, Jos M. Greenberg, 229 Broadway.

Bronx

PROSPECT AV. 851; south store; Cath Sullivan to D. Loventhal's Sons, Inc, 7 1/2 years from Jan 1, 1920; atty, Gordon, 18th fl.

MOTT AV. 415; stores, etc; Sharashkin to Hy Hey, 416 Mott av; 5 yrs from Feb 1, 1920; atty, Wm P Thomas, 529 Courtland st.

Brooklyn

HORATIO ST. 9A, n. 23x48 1/2; Cutters to Isabella's, Inc, 67 W 18th st, 1st fl.

10TH ST. 200 W. st; atty, O'Brien, 18th fl.

10TH ST. 267 W. st; atty, Jules Staudt to Morris Franowitz, 230 W 14th st, 2 yrs from Jan 1, 1920; atty, Jos M. Greenberg, 229 Broadway.

West Side

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